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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PROPOSED
MEETING WITH IVORY COAST PRESIDENT FELIX
HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY IN GENEVA

REF: A. STATE 166908; B. ABIDJAN 1690

1. WE BELIEVE BACKGROUNDER CONTAINED REFTEL IS A
GOOD SUMMARY OF PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY'S VIEWS ON
THE SUBJECTS ADDRESSED. WE NOTE TWO MINOR NAUANCES
IN THE PARAGRAPHS DEALING WITH ZAIRE (PARA 5) AND THE
MIDDLE EAST (PARA 10) ON WHICH WE OFFER BRIEF COMMENTS
BELOW.

2. ZAIRE: WE BELIEVE ANOTHER REASON FOR THE SHARP
DEBATE WITHIN THE GOIC ON IVORIAN PARTICIPATION IN
THE SHABA FORCE WAS THE CONCERN THAT IVORIAN PARTICI-
PATION (PARTICULARLY IN A MILITARY SENSE) WOULD BE SEEN
TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH HOUPHOUET'S POLICY OF DIALOGUE,
AND THAT SUCH AN INCONSISTENCY WOULD DISCREDIT IVORIAN
FOREIGN POLICY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IVORY COAST'S
FOREIGN DEBT AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS WERE KEY
FACTORS IN THE IVORIAN DECISION.

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3. MIDDLE EAST: WE BELIEVE HOUPHOUET'S SUPPORT OF
SADAT'S PEACE EFFORTS AND FOR PLO PARTICIPATION IN THE
MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN STRONGER AND MORE EX-
PLICIT THAN CONVEYED BY PARAGRAPH 10 REFTEL. INDEED,
HOUPHOUET BELIEVES A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT WILL NOT
LAST UNLESS IT INCLUDES THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN
STATE.

4. CARTER VISIT: HOUPHOUET'S POSITION ON PRESIDENT
CARTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA WAS REPORTED IN ABIDJAN 1690.
IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR HOUPHOUET SAID THAT HE
WAS "RELIEVED" PRESIDENT WAS UNABLE TO VISIT ABIDJAN
IN APRIL BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY OF ASSURING APPROPRIATE
RECEPTION ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE IN MIDST OF SO MANY
OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT MONTH. WE THINK, THEREFORE, THAT
IT IS BETTER NOT REPEAT NOT TO HARK BACK TO THIS SUBJ-
JECT. IF WOULD HOWEVER BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR AMBAS-
SADOR YOUNG TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO
FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND, IN PARTICULAR,
PRESIDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN VIEWS OF
HOUPHOUET.
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